

acknowledge that it emanated from your sense of anger and disappointment and that your innuendoes are without substance or foundation in fact. Mr. Harper was very angry. Hewitt went on to write that Harper, he regretted that Harper would give vent to his frustration by implying that Chief Justice Krivosha was in some way influenced by Harper's notion as to what the eastern financial community desired. Now, Chief Justice Krivosha is Jewish. And when a Jewish person is accused of playing to the eastern financial establishment, people know what is being said, and I'm shocked that the ADL did not attack Harper for his anti-Semitism in that reference, but again, they probably are afraid of Harper because of his power. Harper also said, "A lot of eastern investment bankers," code words, "and lawyers have been following this case, hoping the law of the jungle prevails so they can make a ton of money. Our Chief Justice speaks with an eastern accent." Chief Justice Krivosha does not have an eastern accent and Mike Harper is the last one who should talk about somebody doing something to make a ton of money. The way he has bludgeoned this pitiful little Legislature, but at the time he made these comments he hadn't done his bludgeoning. Harper also said earlier that the Supreme Court ruling would be remembered as an indication of Nebraska's quality of justice the next time ConAgra considers whether to keep its headquarters in Omaha. Now, the next time ConAgra considers whether it ought to keep its headquarters in Omaha, Chief Justice Krivosha's decision, as Harper saw it, would be a consideration. All that Harper has been telling the Legislature, out of one side of his hypocritical mouth, is that the taking away of the exemption for the airplanes and the computers, that is what will determine whether or not he stays in Omaha. But in March of last year he was saying it was this court decision. Harper said Saturday he hadn't received Hewitt's letter yet. After a reporter read the letter, Harper said again that the Supreme Court decision will be kept in mind in future considerations regarding ConAgra's home office location. If we had been in Texas, our shareholders would have received \$48 million, he said. I don't know of any chief executive who wouldn't take that into account. We work for the shareholders, not lawyers. Harper said his reference to \$48 million took into account the \$16 million on damages awarded ConAgra by Douglas County District Court and the possibility of actual damages being tripled under Texas law. So he would get a decision in Douglas County District Court and then that would be tripled under the law of Texas which is not applied in Douglas County. But this is the kind of man who has managed to bludgeon the Legislature into submission. And I said earlier I was going to talk about he deals with people he perceives as being weak.